

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)	
)	
Sture Helmersson et al.)	Examiner: R.J. Palabrica
)	
Title: A SPACER AND A FUEL UNIT FOR A)	Art Unit: 3663
NUCLEAR PLANT)	
)	Confirmation No.: 1390
Serial No.: 10/585,910)	
)	
Filed: July 12, 2006)	(Docket No. 1026-0007WOUS)

Middletown, Connecticut, January 19, 2010

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This Amendment with Remarks is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2009, having a period for response set to expire on December 17, 2009, for which a one-month extension of time is hereby requested. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.